

# Montana and the Sky



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## BURIAN TO KEYNOTE AVIATION CONFERENCE

Lawrence L. Burian, president of the National Air Transportation Association, has accepted the invitation to be the featured speaker for the kick-off luncheon at the fifth Montana Aviation Conference scheduled for March 1 - 4, 1989, at the Copper King Inn in Butte. The kick-off luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, March 2.

The Conference will include a trade show featuring industry exhibits from across the U.S. in addition to seminars on a wide variety of aviation topics. Montana's aviation groups will hold general business and/or board meetings.

The annual Aeronautics Division's Aircraft Mechanics Refresher Seminar is offered, and the Ag Seminar for aerial applicators is also held in conjunction with the Conference.

In addition to the kick-off luncheon on Thursday, there will be a free luncheon for Conference registrants on Friday in the display area, a hosted hospitality hour on Friday evening, an awards luncheon on Saturday, and a banquet Saturday evening. Look for details on featured speakers in the next issue of Montana and the Sky.

While seminar sessions are still tentative, it is expected that they will cover such topics as aviation history, understanding weather, wind shear, survival, flying in Canada, federal and state aviation legislation, air shows, mountain flying, the flight service station, air support for firefighting, the Aviation System Plan, and others. A Saturday morning session for school youngsters is also being planned.

Registration fees will be \$25 per individual registrant and \$35 for a family. Tickets for the Thursday and Saturday luncheons will be \$8 with the Saturday banquet being \$20. Tickets for meals may be purchased individually but **MUST BE PURCHASED NO LATER THAN 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.**

Rooms have been blocked at the Copper King and at the War Bonnet Inn in Butte. Shuttle service between the convention center and other motels will be provided. Call the Copper King at 494-6666 for reservations. The number at the War Bonnet is 494-7800.

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## YELLOWSTONE CREW HONORED BY AIR FORCE GROUP



A framed photo of flying C-5As was presented to Vern Moody and his staff by the Rainier ALCE, Air Force operations group from McChord AFB, Washington, in appreciation for their work and support during the Yellowstone fire. The Yellowstone Airport staff (above, far left, back to front) are Jeff Heaney, Joe Roos, and Vern Moody, airport manager. At right, Vern stands with Capt. Jim Kimpel, U.S. Air Force C-141 pilot, who was in charge of the Air Force operations at Yellowstone.





# Administrator's Column

**Montana Pilots Association Fall Fly-In.** I attended the MPA Fall Fly-In held in Red Lodge July 26 - 28, which was hosted by the Billings Hangar of the MPA. Although the weather Friday didn't cooperate very well, it did take a turn for the better on both Saturday and Sunday. It couldn't have been more beautiful, and a good turnout resulted. Many fun activities were enjoyed, such as spot landing contests and flour bombing. The Saturday night banquet provided good food as well as entertainment. The Red Lodge Gay 90s performed, and they were great. A good dance followed with music being provided by Larry and Lalonnie Larson, Grant Radar, Len Droste, Warren Nemitz, Bonnie Daniels, and Dave Gates. I would like to congratulate the Billings MPA Hangar President Mike Sasich and all of his committee workers who did such an outstanding job. I would be remiss if I didn't also recognize all of the work and support provided by the Red Lodge people.

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**VA Flight Training Dies.** Although the U.S. Senate did approve VA flight training benefits, the bill died due to lack of action by the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill was introduced by South Dakota Senator Daschle and would have provided flight training for veterans who already hold private certificates and an advanced rating(s) would be required to meet their objective in an aviation career field. There is no word at this time whether or not Senator Daschle will reintroduce his bill in the next session of Congress.

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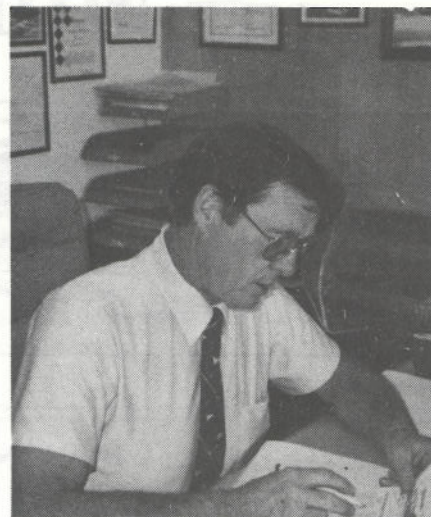
**Product Insurance Liability Legislation Fails.** The General Aviation Accident Liability Standards Act (S.473) died when Congress failed to act before adjournment. Senator Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas had introduced the legislation which was strongly supported by the general aviation industry, and although both the House and Senate committees had approved the legislation, Congress adjourned before final action was taken. This is a big disappointment to all of us who strongly supported what we feel is a necessary piece of legislation to help breathe new life into the dying general aviation manufacturing industry. It is anticipated that this (or similar) legislation will again be introduced in the 101st Congress.

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**Boston Logan Airport Actions Against GA Found Illegal.** The general aviation community throughout the country has been watching with great concern the proceedings surrounding the Massachusetts Port Authority's use fee plan which would effectively deny general aviation (including small commuter airlines) access to the Boston Logan Airport. The matter has been under investigation by the federal Department of Transportation, and Administrative Law Judge Kolko ruled that the Port Authority's plan is unlawful and in violation of the Federal Aviation Act and the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Judge Kolko's ruling brings a big sigh of relief to general aviation. Had the Port Authority's actions been upheld, a precedent would have been set for widespread similar GA discrimination at airports throughout the nation.

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**FAA Amnesty Ends.** The FAA amnesty program for pilots who voluntarily correct past false information on their airman medical applications will end December 1, 1988. If you feel that you may not have disclosed certain information on your medical forms, such as convictions for driving while intoxicated, drug offenses, and other serious offenses, you should call the FAA Enforcement Proceedings Branch of the Chief Counsel in Washington, DC, at 202-267-9956. Pilots who correct any such falsification prior to December 1, 1988, will be given amnesty from FAA action.



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## BURROWS BECOMES A/A CHIEF



Gerald C. (Jerry) Burrows has been selected to take over the position of Airport/Airways Bureau Chief at the Montana Aeronautics Division following the retirement of Dave Kneedler.

Burrows began his career with the Division in May 1961 when he was hired to do airport and vehicle maintenance. In 1964, he took over the film library and the unicom program. He also assisted with the Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic, the Mechanics Seminar, and other safety programs.

During the 1970s, Burrows worked closely with the staff of the Yellowstone Airport. He helped to organize the crash/fire/rescue school still offered to air carrier airport employees. The Montana Aeronautics Division was one of the first in the nation to conduct such a school.

Burrows has been responsible for the Airport/Airways Bureau nav aids program, which handles non-directional beacons, unicom, runway light radio controllers, and airport lighting. The resale program, which maintains airport supplies for purchase by state airports, has also been a part of his responsibility.

A pilot, Burrows received his license in 1967.

## CALENDAR

**Feb. 17 - 19** - Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic, Helena.

**March 1 - 4** - Montana Aviation Conference, Copper King Inn, Butte.

**July 14 - 16** - Schafer Meadows Work Session.

**July 21 - 23** - Family Fly-In Flight Safety Expo, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

**July 28 - Aug. 3** - EAA Fly-In Convention, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

## FAA ISSUES CERTIFICATES

### PRIVATE

Wintzel Major .....	Kalispell
Ron Nash .....	Columbia Falls
Patrick Sapa .....	Whitefish
Barbara Boyett .....	Billings
Michael Waters .....	Richey
Adam Kimmet .....	Billings
William Thuis .....	Billings
Bradley Philpot .....	Hungry Horse
David Lane .....	Whitefish
Michael Smith .....	Fortine
Dana Ness .....	Rudyard
James Morse .....	Drummond
James Wilkins .....	Great Falls
Rolland Stenberg .....	Missoula
Robin Hood .....	Stevensville
Kent Hern .....	Missoula
David Forestieri .....	Whitefish
James Cogar .....	Missoula
Wade Martin .....	Hall
Gordon Overly .....	Plentywood
Arthur Warner .....	Glasgow
Edward Jelinek .....	Stanford
Ronald Rowland .....	Geraldine
Clarence Keogh .....	Whitehall
David Holman .....	Butte
William Evans .....	Livingston
Darlene Cooper .....	Stevensville
Hardin Graham .....	Billings
Dwight Lewis .....	Two Dot
Scott Farmer .....	Billings
Bill Brennan .....	Laurel

### INSTRUMENT

James Perhay .....	Missoula
Leroy Keller, II .....	Kalispell
Deidra Fuller .....	Billings
Jeffrey Parrott .....	Roundup
Sean Murphy .....	Garrison
Robert Richmond .....	Great Falls (Rotor)
Thomas Napper .....	Bozeman
Jerome Dernbach .....	Billings
John McDowell .....	Dillon
Mark St. John .....	Missoula
John Maxness .....	Glasgow
Monte Belgrade .....	Rocker
Earl Jensen .....	Glendive
James Dernbach .....	Billings
Harold Habein .....	Billings
Rodney Baird .....	Billings
Kelly Ann Lewis .....	Helena
Floyd Maack .....	Melstone
Enoch Walker .....	Billings

### MULTIENGINE

Darold Hutchinson .....	Hingham
Jacqueline Chambers .....	Billings

### ATP

David Avey .....	Billings
Michael Bartyan .....	Billings
Walter Malone .....	Billings
David Jourdan .....	Billings

### INSTRUCTOR

Terry Sheehan .....	Billings
Gale Nayematsu .....	Billings
Steven Mohn .....	Bigfork
Wayne Meyer .....	Bozeman
Kenneth Pfeifer .....	Billings
Rodney Baird .....	Billings

### INSTRUCTOR INSTRUMENT

Terry Sheehan .....	Billings
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### INSTRUCTOR RENEW/REINSTATE

Jacqueline Chambers .....	Billings
Chris Osler .....	Fortine
Richard Palmersheim .....	Fromberg
Paul Thurmond .....	Butte
Rodney Weeding .....	Sidney
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Larry Larson .....	Molt
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Arthur Wells .....	Clancy
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Glen Munro .....	Butte





## SEARCH PILOT CLINIC - KALISPELL - SEPTEMBER 16 - 18

**By: Ray Austin**  
**Safety and Education Bureau**

Thirty volunteer Montana pilots completed training this fall in Kalispell at the 10th annual Mountain Search Pilot Clinic. Rainy weather on Saturday gave a realistic touch to the training, but all participants were able to complete both the flight and ground training.

The program began, as in years past, on Friday evening with ground school sessions conducted by Fred Hasskamp, Montana Aeronautics Division; Lt. Col. Bill Clark, USAF Liaison Officer for the CAP; and Sparky Imeson, corporate pilot and mountain flying expert.

Flight training began early Saturday morning with each volunteer search pilot scheduled for two hours of instruction in mountain flying and search techniques. Flights were conducted around Spotted Bear and Meadow Creek airports (Schafer Meadows was socked in this year). Everyone made it back to Kalispell City Airport by noon Saturday as the weather closed in.

The survival class and ELT homer training continued as scheduled in the rain Saturday afternoon. Chuck Thutot of the Emergency Response Institute conducted the survival class along the river near Kalispell. The emphasis of his training is to "make do" with what is on hand and with parts from the aircraft.

The ELT homer training was

conducted by Will Mavis of Helena and Lyle Sartain, Great Falls. Participants received classroom instruction in the techniques of tracking ELT signals as well as hands-on practice at the airport trying to home in on a hidden ELT. Setting up an aircraft for homer tracking and homing in flight were also covered.

Everyone got to dry out Saturday evening while attending more ground school sessions at the Outlaw Inn. These classes covered observer training, the Montana air search system, and survival sense for pilots.

Dawn on Sunday morning found everyone going again, catching up on the flight training and more survival and ELT classes. By late afternoon, thirty mountain search pilots finally got to head home - tired but enthusiastic to help out if called upon. Their reward is the satisfaction in

knowing that, if called upon to help search for a fellow pilot, they are better prepared to help in a safe and efficient manner.

Our thanks go out to the many volunteers that make up the search network in Montana and to those who have taken the time and expense to attend or instruct at the Mountain Search Pilot Clinics over the past ten years.

Those completing the Clinic this year were: Karl Roesch, Arlee; William Stevens, Ashland; John Williams, Bigfork; Jay Nance, Jr. and Eric Nelson, Billings; Dennis Bacon, Bozeman; Alan Eliason, Butte; Dusty Crary, Choteau; Lou Norton, Colstrip; Guy Terrill, Dillon; Walter Biggins and Alfred Luciano, Eureka; John

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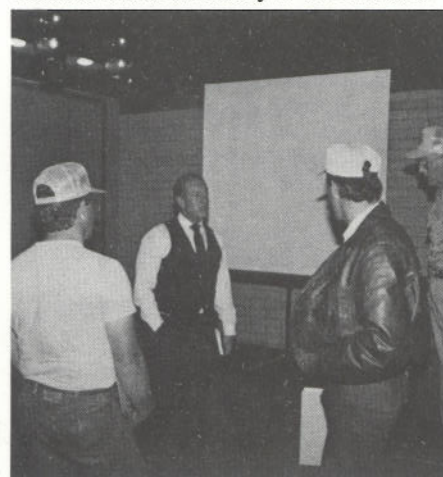
Will Mavis instructs participants in hooking ELT antennas up to the aircraft.



Survival training is conducted under a plastic tarp in the rain, but wet, cold weather lent authenticity to the exercise.



Participants use an ELT homing device to find a locator hidden on the airport. Center is Lt. Col. Fred Stoval, 304th Air Rescue Squadron from Portland, Oregon, who assisted with homer training.



Sparky Imeson, recognized authority on mountain flying, visits with participants following his classroom instruction.



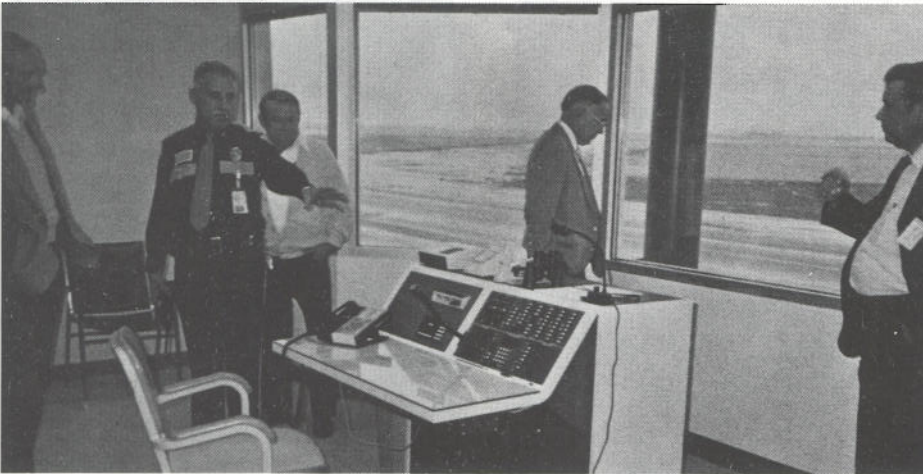
## AIRPORT MANAGERS HOLD FALL MEETING IN MISSOULA



Airport managers from across the state met in Missoula October 18 and 19 for the fall meeting of the Montana Airport Management Association. Also included were Aeronautics Division staff members, the FAA, and airport consultants.



Meeting host Russ Pankey arranged for a tour of the Missoula Smokejumper Center. Tour conductor was Wayne Williams, U. S. Forest Service.



Missoula Airport Chief of Public Safety Roger Bennett explains the communication system to managers during a tour of the new Public Safety and Maintenance Facility. At far right is Russ Pankey, Missoula Director of Airports.



Visiting before the final banquet are Mary Stevenson, chairperson of the Missoula Airport Board, and her husband Jack.



Chairperson of the Missoula County Commission, Ann Mary Dussault, shares a joke with Lindsey Lindemer, manager of the airport at Seeley Lake.



Janet Stevens is a member of the Missoula County Commission. Her husband, Tom, serves on the Airport Board.



## MPA FLY-IN IN RED LODGE DRAWS ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD



A fun contrast to the airplanes was this horse-drawn wagon used to taxi members from the airport to town.



"Airplane talk" is shared by Ed Musselman (left), Lewistown, and Frank Miller, Billings.



Some of the winners of contest prizes and drawings line up with Mike Sasich, president of the Billings Hangar which hosted the fly-in. They are (from left) Dave Gates, Black Eagle; Sasich; Greg Scott, Red Lodge; Rue Ligget, Billings; and John Dove, Missoula, state MPA president.



Concentrating on their "pickin'" at the dance are Dave Gates and Larry Larson.



Have you ever seen a cancan line quite like this one???



Everyone gets into the act at the dance. These two are Kevin and LaRae Kramlick, children of Milt Kramlick of Billings.



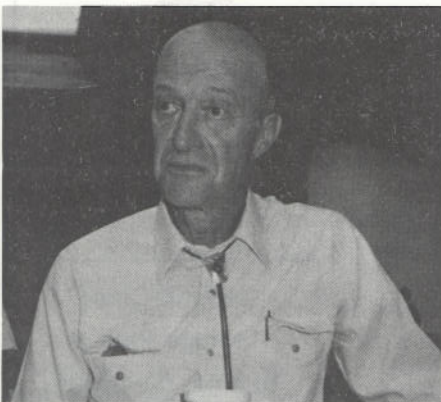
## FLYING FARMERS HOLD CONVENTION IN GLASGOW



Shelton Kongable, International Flying Farmer Vice President from Iowa, presides at the installation of new MFF officers. Pictured are (from left) Kongable; Floyd Johnson, Wolf Point, vice president; Steve Ogglesby, Peerless, director; Jim Lewis, Lewistown, president; and Marilyn Lewis, Lewistown, secretary/treasurer. Other MFF officers include Peggy and Durwood Boesch, Bigfork, newsletter; and directors Dick Strouf, Moccasin; Gail Johnson, Wolf Point; and Frank Kummerfeldt, Nashua.



Herb Sammons (right), Cut Bank, receives the Man of the Year Award from Sam Langhus.



Luncheon speaker was Jack Waddell, retired chief engineering test pilot for Boeing Aircraft. Jack lives in Silesia.



New Flying Farmer Queen is Dorothy Schmitt, Frazer. Prince Consort is husband Al.



Dorothy Langhus presents Phyllis Sammons (right) the Woman of the Year Award.



Outgoing Montana Queen Sheila Nelson receives a pin from Marilyn Lewis in recognition of her year of service.



International Flying Farmer Queen Twila Neben, Nebraska, attended the MFF convention and here is presented with a bouquet from Mary Bogar, outgoing IFF Queen.



All together for the photographer are (from left) IFFT Farmerette Jane Taylor, Iowa; MFF Farmerette Anna Nelson, Moore; MFF Queen Dorothy Schmitt, Frazer; and IFF Queen Twila Neben, Nebraska.



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A conference registration form will be included in the next issue of the newsletter and will be included in a mailing to Montana pilots. Motel reservations should be made as soon as possible by calling the above-mentioned numbers.

The Conference Committee is looking forward to greeting you in Butte in March.

## SEARCH PILOT CLINIC - KALISPELL

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Maxness, Glasgow; C.R. Hunt, William Reiste, and Rick Trebas, Great Falls; Dean Frost, Hamilton; Spencer Anderson, Havre; Thomas McBride, Helena; Lee Tower and Donald Whaley, Kalispell; Robert Johnson, Lewistown; Michael Dikun, Livingston; Jim Hanson, Melville; Rod Haynes, Missoula; Guy Willson, Moore; Alan Mikkelsen, St. Ignatius; Jack Fenton, Sheridan; Vern Stanfill, Toston; and Terry Hansen, Whitefish.

## HISTORICAL PICTURES SOUGHT

The Aviation Conference Committee is working on a display for the 1989 Conference which will feature aviation history.

If you have photos which could be used for such a display, please call Lisle Wood in Butte at 728-4233, Ext. 3251. He does have access to equipment which can enlarge smaller photos.

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